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MOSCOW PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

The following excerpts were taken from a report given by P. T. Pripadnikov, Honored Physician RSFSR and head of the Moscow Public Health Division, at the 3rd session of the Moscow City Soviet of Workers' Deputies.

In 1948, more than one billion rubles were assigned in the Moscow budget for the maintenance of the medico-therapeutic network and for other measures connected with the protection of health of the people of Moscow. Expenditures for public health amount to over one-third of the total budget of the Moscow Soviet. Within the system of the Moscow public health division there are 162 hospitals, 25 more than there were in 1940. More than 100,000 citizens of Moscow annually receive advice and assistance in 424 polyclinics, and more than 10,000 person receive medical aid at home. The number of polyclinics in factories and plants has increased 150% since 1940.

The equipment of medical institutions has improved considerably. The number of laboratories, as compared with 1940, has been increased by 69%, physiotherapeutic clinics by 44%, and x-ray apparatuses by 39%. Prior to the war there were only a few electrocardiographic machines in Moscow, whereas today there are 129 such machines.

The Moscow government has furnished 30 ambulances "ZIS-110" for use by first aid stations, and 200 automobiles "Moskvich" for use by physicians.

Considerable attention was given in the report to the question of unification of hospitals and polyclinics.

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Since the pre-war period, the number of physicians and middle medical personnel working in Moscow medical institutions has increased by 2000, and 6,000 respectively.

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